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Project Information File No. 06-118

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3. Project Name: Rehabilitation of the AquaLink Landing at Belmont Veterans' Memorial Pier

4. Project Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County
Longitude: 33° 45' 33.82" N; Latitude: 118° 11' 52.87"W
Longitude: 33° 45' 31.09" N; Latitude: 118° 11' 43.38"W
Longitude: 33° 45' 17.90"N; Latitude: 118° 11' 46.34"W
Longitude: 33° 45' 19.64"N; Latitude: 118° 11' 59.53"W

5. Type of Project: Dock replacement

6. Project Description: *Purpose:*
The proposed project will replace an existing deteriorated timber (two-float) dock system with a new dock system at Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier. One of the two-float dock systems will be designated for the AquaLink and the other for public use. In addition, the development will provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access at the site.

Description:
The reconstruction of the AquaLink will increase public access of the Belmont Pier and its surroundings, by providing a transitional link between Downtown Long Beach and Alamitos Bay. The AquaLink will be located at the southeast end near the existing floats.

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The first ADA access route will utilize the current staircase from the existing main pier to the mid-level platform; which will connect to a new platform. Each platform will structurally be independent from the main pier. The second ADA access route will be located along the side of the pier, to accommodate impaired individuals.

The proposed floating docks (approximately 1,500 sq. ft.) will be constructed using lightweight materials to meet the loading and berthing requirements underlined by the Long Beach Transit (LBT) vessels. An improved, energy absorbing pin/hinge system will replace the old system to reduce impact loads and maintenance. The floats will be constructed of plywood and timber support members, covered and reinforced with fiberglass. When possible existing structures will be utilized in order to cut down on cost and materials.

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| 7. Federal Agency/Permit: | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWP No. 3 (Permit No. 2006-01355-KW) |
| 8. Other Required
Regulatory Approvals: | California Coastal Commission
Coastal Development Permit |
| 9. California Environmental
Quality Act Compliance: | The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction). |
| 10. Receiving Water: | Long Beach, Pacific Ocean (Hydrologic Unit No. 402.10) |
| 11. Designated Beneficial
Uses: | MUN*, IND, PROC, AGR, GWR, FRSH, NAV, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COMM, AQUA, WARM, COLD, SAL, EST, MAR, WILD, BIOL, RARE, MIGR, SPWN, SHELL, WET

*Conditional beneficial use |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the
United States: | Ocean: 0.000275 permanent acres |

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13. Dredge Volume: None
14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: The Applicant has not identified any related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years.
15. Avoidance/Minimization Activities: The Applicant shall implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:
- Wooden floats will be constructed off-site, hauled to the site, and bolted together with minimal impact.
 - Steel piles will be manufactured off-site and delivered to the site.
 - Debris will be kept out of water or removed immediately.
 - All work will be done in accordance with the project specifications and industry standard best management practice.
 - Installation of silt screens will take place in order to confine the work area and minimize turbidity.
 - Pre-construction surveys shall be performed for *Caulerpa taxifolia* (“*Caulerpa*”) within the project area in accordance with the *Caulerpa* Control Protocol.
16. Required Compensatory Mitigation: In coordination with NOAA Fisheries, the Applicant will implement a pre- and post-construction survey for surfgrass, eelgrass and rocky habitat. Surfgrass, eelgrass or rocky habitat lost due to project impacts will be mitigated at a ratio of 1:1.
- The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board **Annual Monitoring Reports** documenting the success of all restoration and mitigation efforts, including, percent survival by plant species and percent cover. The reports shall include discussion of any monitoring activities and exotic plant control efforts. Representative photographs shall be included in the reports.

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The reports shall be submitted by **January 1st** of each year for a period of **five (5) years** after mitigation efforts begin.

It is not anticipated that the project activity will have a negative impact on waters of the United States. During the construction, all possible BMPs will be utilized in order to minimize impacts to waters. The impacts associated with this project are minimal and temporary in nature. Therefore, additional compensatory mitigation will not be required by the Regional Board.

See Attachment B Conditions of Certifications, Additional Conditions for modifications and additions to the above proposed compensatory mitigation.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This Certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent Certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Pursuant to 23 CCR §3859(a), the Applicant shall comply with the following additional conditions:

1. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board copies of any other final permits and agreements required for this project, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) Section 404 Permit and the California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit. **These documents shall be submitted prior to any discharge to waters of the State.**
2. The Applicant shall adhere to the most stringent conditions indicated with either this Certification, the California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit (No. 5-06-078), or the ACOE Section 404 Permit.
3. The Applicant shall comply with all water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region (1994)*.
4. The Avoidance/Minimization activities proposed by the Applicant as described in Attachment A, No. 15, are incorporated as additional conditions herein.
5. The Applicant and all contractors employed by the Applicant shall have copies of this Certification, the approved maintenance plan, and all other regulatory approvals for this project on site at all times and shall be familiar with all conditions set forth.

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6. Fueling, lubrication, maintenance, operation, and storage of vehicles and equipment shall not result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. At no time shall the Applicant use any vehicle or equipment which leaks any substance that may impact water quality. Staging and storage areas for vehicles and equipment shall be located outside of waters of the State.
7. All excavation, construction, or maintenance activities shall follow best management practices to minimize impacts to water quality and beneficial uses.
8. No construction material, spoils, debris, or any other substances associated with this project that may adversely impact water quality, shall be located in a manner which may result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. Designated spoil and waste areas shall be visually marked prior to any excavation and/or construction activity, and storage of the materials shall be confined to these areas.
9. All waste and/or dredged material removed shall be relocated to a legal point of disposal if applicable. A legal point of disposal is defined as one for which Waste Discharge Requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is in full compliance therewith. Please contact Rodney Nelson, Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-6119 for further information.
10. The Applicant shall implement all necessary control measures to prevent the degradation of water quality from the proposed project in order to maintain compliance with the Basin Plan. The discharge shall meet all effluent limitations and toxic and effluent standards established to comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act. This Certification does not authorize the discharge by the applicant for any other activity than specifically described in the 404 Permit.
11. The discharge shall not: a) degrade surface water communities and populations including vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant species; b) promote the breeding of mosquitoes, gnats, black flies, midges, or other pests; c) alter the color, create visual contrast with the natural appearance, nor cause aesthetically undesirable discoloration of the receiving waters; d) cause formation of sludge deposits; or e) adversely affect any designated beneficial uses.
12. The Applicant shall allow the Regional Board and its authorized representative entry to the premises, including all mitigation sites, to inspect and undertake any activity to determine compliance with this Certification, or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code.
13. The Applicant shall not conduct any activities within waters of the State during a rainfall event, or at any period when site conditions would lead to excessive erosion.

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14. No activities shall involve wet excavations (i.e., no excavations shall occur below the seasonal high water table). A minimum **5-foot** buffer zone shall be maintained above the existing groundwater level. If construction or groundwater dewatering is proposed or anticipated, the Applicant shall file a **Report of Waste Discharge** to this Regional Board and obtain any necessary NPDES permits/Waste Discharge Requirements prior to discharging waste. Sufficient time should be allowed to obtain any such permits (generally 180 days). If groundwater is encountered without the benefit of appropriate permits, the Applicant shall cease all activities in the areas where groundwater is present, file a Report of Waste Discharge to this Regional Board, and obtain any necessary permits prior to discharging waste.
15. All project/maintenance activities not included in this Certification, and which may require a permit, must be reported to the Regional Board for appropriate permitting.
16. The Applicant shall restore all areas of TEMPORARY IMPACTS to waters of the United States and all other areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. The Applicant shall implement all necessary Best Management Practices to control water quality impacts within areas associated with this project.
17. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board a **Final Monitoring Report** by **January 1st** of the year following project completion. The report shall describe in detail all of the project/construction activities performed during the previous year and all restoration efforts; including percent survival by plant species and percent cover. If mitigation is required as specified in Attachment A (No. 16), an **Annual Monitoring Report** will be required for a period of **5 years**. This report shall include as a minimum, the following documentation:
 - (a) Color photo documentation of the pre- and post-project and restoration site conditions;
 - (b) Geographical Positioning System (GPS) coordinates in decimal-degrees format outlining the boundary of the project and mitigation areas;
 - (c) The overall status of project including a detailed schedule of work;
 - (d) Copies of all permits revised as required in Additional Condition 1;
 - (e) Water quality monitoring results (as required) compiled in an easy to interpret format;
 - (f) A certified Statement of “no net loss” of wetlands associated with this project;
 - (g) Discussion of any monitoring activities and exotic plant control efforts; and

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- (h) A certified Statement from the permittee or his/her representative that all conditions of this Certification have been met.

- 18. Prior to any subsequent maintenance activities within the project area, including clearing, maintenance by-hand, and/or the application of pesticides, the Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board a NOTIFICATION of any such activity. Notification shall include: (a) the proposed schedule; (b) a description of the existing condition/capacity; (c) the area of proposed temporary impact within waters of the State; (c) a description of any existing aquatic resources (e.g., wetland/riparian vegetation); and (d) any proposed compensatory mitigation. Notifications must be submitted a minimum of **three (3) weeks** prior to commencing work activities.

- 19. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Board shall be signed:
 - (a) For corporations, by a principal executive officer at least of the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative, if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which discharge originates.

 - (b) For a partnership, by a general partner.

 - (c) For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.

 - (d) For a municipal, State, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

- 20. Each and any report submitted in accordance with this Certification shall contain the following completed declaration:

“I declare under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who managed the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Executed on the _____ day of _____ at _____.

_____ (Signature)
_____ (Title)”

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21. All communications regarding this project and submitted to this Regional Board shall identify the Project File Number **06-118**. Submittals shall be sent to the attention of the 401 Certification Unit.
22. Any modifications of the proposed project may require submittal of a new Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification application and appropriate filing fee.
23. The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Regional Board's **Municipal Stormwater Permit** issued to the City of Long Beach under NPDES No. CAS004003 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99 - 06 - DWQ. This includes the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and all related implementing local ordinances and regulations for the control of stormwater pollution from new development and redevelopment. The project shall also comply with all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) **General Permit** for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Order No. 99-08-DWQ. All stormwater treatment systems shall be located outside of any water of the State and shall not be used as a wetland or riparian mitigation credit.
24. Coverage under this Certification may be transferred to the extent the underlying federal permit may legally be transferred and further provided that the Applicant notifies the Executive Officer at least 30 days before the proposed transfer date, and the notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new Applicants containing a specific date of coverage, responsibility for compliance with this Certification, and liability between them.
25. The Applicant or their agents shall report any noncompliance. Any such information shall be provided verbally to the Executive Officer within 24 hours from the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five days of the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected; the anticipated time it is expected to continue and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The Executive Officer, or an authorized representative, may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
26. *Enforcement:*
 - (a) In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under State law. For purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any State law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Certification.

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- (b) In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) may require the holder of any permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the SWRCB deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall be a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.
 - (c) In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the SWRCB or RWQCB may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
27. This Certification shall expire **five (5) years** from date of this Certification. The Applicant shall submit a complete application prior to termination of this Certification if renewal is requested.